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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF KERALA STATE, TRIVANDRUM

ON BEHALF OF

THE KASARAGOD TALUK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (REGD) OF KASARAGOD TALUK
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May it please Your Excellency,

We are happy to welcome you and greet you on behalf of our Association, on this occasion of your visit to this area. May we crave your kind indulgence, to be allowed to place before you certain matters bearing on the feelings and wishes of a large number of people of this area.

1. Kasaragod Taluk, consisting of Manjeshwar, Kumbla and Kasaragod Sirkas has been merged with Kerala State, consequent to the Re-organisation of States, as against the wishes of the people, as evidenced by the unopposed election of one candidate to the State Assembly who stood mainly on the issue of the merger of this area with Mysore State and election of another candidate who stood on Congress ticket with promise of just settlement of this issue. This problem is still before the public and the Government and an early solution may be found with your guidance so that, feelings of suspension and frustraion may be allayed.

2. Being aware of the proposed land legislation which purports to improve agricultural conditions of the State, and raise the standard of production or the standard of living of the tiller of the soil, we wish to assure you that we are not opposed to well considered legislation. But we are opposed to hasty legislation based on the presumption that the landlord or the so-called "middlemen" is the "villain of the piece" and his elimination alone will ameliorate the condition of the

tenant. We request that if and when any land legislation is undertaken the persons affected by such legislation should be given a minimum of 6 months to consider carefully the detailed provisions of the legislative measure, and offer their suggestions.

3. In view of the changed policy of the Government with regard to administrative matters, such as police etc., a feeling of insecurity prevails among the people. This is evidenced by various incidents which have recently come to light such as forcible harvesting against court orders, and walking about with threats to cause cow down law abiding people, disguised as police officers etc. This may be put an end to and a state of security and peace restored.

4. We finally feel confident that you as the constitutional head of the State will exert your influence and power to see that the above problems among others, set forth above are resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We remain,
Yours faithfully,

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